

# The Pipeline

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## Bigger Than They Look

New modular office at 4E waiting for tenant (left), and occupied modular office at First City (below).



By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

The new partitions installed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor are attractive but fragile. Unlike older partitions, they have no solid core, just fabric on two sides. They cannot support the objects we are accustomed to hanging on cubicle walls. Please use hangers that hook over the top of the partition for anything heavier than a piece of paper.

## Telecommunications Has Moved

Telecommunications, once located in the D & E Building behind the CHR Complex, has moved. Their new address is 859 East Main Street. They can still be reached by dialing 564-7258.

## CFC, CHS Will Be Neighbors at Fair

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

The Cabinet for Families and Children and the Cabinet for Health Services are more than office neighbors. We intend for our Kentucky State Fair exhibits to be a seamless display focusing on Kentuckians' health and well-being.

While our area is known as "the CFC Home," CHS is growing a "Garden of Good Health" beside us. Body composition analysis, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) and the benefits of milk are among the activities, programs and good-health pointers touched on in the CHS garden.

CHS is giving away several outdoor-related items as prizes for visitors who get the required number of stamps on their "passports"--copies of the food pyramid adapted to serve as a guide through the garden.

Between the house and garden, our cabinets will share a face painting area where kids can ask for a basketball, spider, happy face or other design. Nearby, in the CFC home's video viewing area, adults can watch videos providing overviews of both cabinets' programs.

There is a lot more to both agencies' state fair exhibits. Come and see for yourself Aug. 17-27 at the State Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

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## Correction: CFC Online

The third issue of *CFC Online*, is now available on the Web at <http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfconline/july2000/index.htm>. Please be sure to use this link to view CFC Online, as last week's posted link incorrectly directed readers to the May issue.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

# Back to School: KCHIP Promoted by FRYSCs

By Gil Lawson, CHS Communications

When parents in the Ludlow Independent School District visit school this month, they'll hear about the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program - maybe two or three times.

That's because Ludlow's Family Resource and Youth Services Center uses every opportunity to tell parents about the program that provides health insurance to children at no cost.

"We just plan to bombard them with information about KCHIP," said Cathy Pedro, the coordinator for the center.

Like last year, the center plans to distribute KCHIP applications at back-to-school fairs and meet-the-teacher nights at the schools. The center came up with another way to inform parents about KCHIP: whenever a child's immunization certificate expires, a KCHIP application will go home with the child.

Pedro said the Ludlow schools, based in Kenton County, also checked free- and reduced-lunch forms to see what families reported having no insurance. Those families were mailed an application. She says after just one year, KCHIP has become well known.

"Whenever I bring up KCHIP, people usually know what it is," Pedro said.

With many students going back to school in August, it's an opportune time to let families know about KCHIP as well as some of the recent changes in the program. Schools have become an important way to get the word out about KCHIP since a student's health is tied to his or her success in school.

Schools and Family Resource and Youth Services Centers have been a key part of the Cabinet for Health Service's outreach campaign for KCHIP. As of June 1, some 49,892 children had been enrolled in KCHIP.

Many schools, Family Resource and Youth Services Centers and local health departments will be distributing information about KCHIP at back-to-school fairs this month.

The Cabinet for Health Services is sending flyers about KCHIP to more than 1,400 schools across the state to be handed out to students.



More children are eligible for KCHIP because the income guidelines have changed since last August. A family of four with annual income of \$34,100 (before taxes) can qualify for KCHIP.

Many families who qualified for KCHIP last year will be receiving a recertification form in the mail to determine whether they still qualify for the program. These families are being asked to provide the requested information and return it by the deadline so they won't lose eligibility.

For more information about KCHIP, call 1-877-KCHIP-18 (For hearing impaired call 1-877-KCHIP-19) For Spanish-speaking callers, call 1-800-662-5397. Applications are also available at local health departments and local Department for Community Based Services offices.

## Sick Leave Needs

Patricia Boler, CFC Communications, is in need of donated sick leave. Patricia begins maternity leave on August 7. She expects to be off for 6 - 8 weeks. Her leave time has been exhausted due to illness and physical therapy treatments during pregnancy. To donate leave, call or email Debbie Yeary at 564-7130.



Stephanie Blankenship is a new employee with Disability Determinations and is not eligible for family medical leave. Stephanie has had to have surgery due to cancer and is now having to have a complete blood transfusion. She is in need of donated sick leave. To donate leave, call Libby Rohmann at 564-8050, ext. 4218.

Chris Saxton of the Policy and Program Support Branch is in need of sick leave donations due to his child's illness. He has exhausted all leave because of this. Call Melony Collins of the Policy and Program Support Branch at 564-7536 if you would like to donate.

John Downey, who works in the mailroom in the CHR Complex, is off work due to recent surgery. John's sick time has already been exhausted. He is employed by the Finance Cabinet. To donate time, call 564-3769.

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